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My question is simple. Lake Sakakawea water levels are obviously low. There have been lawsuits regarding the use of the Missouri River since barge traffic, recreation, etc. depends heavily on it. Why do we think this will be a reliable water source for northwestern North Dakota. Are we just assuming the water levels will rebound and it won't be an issue. Will the lower states not make an issue of our water use upstream at the cost of their needs downstream? I've heard ridiculous ideas of pipelining the water to the eastern region of the state. I hope this isn't true considering the Devils Lake region constantly battles flooding. It seems to make more sense to divert that water to the eastern part of the state. I can't help but wonder if this whole project is an unnecessary waste of money that in the end won't solve any problems. Sincerely, Connie Ory 1000 1st Ave SE, Minot, ND 58701